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CJB: Business as usual

"Remember, remember the fifth of November, D-Locks, treason and plot."

On October 19th, the reconvened Parliament will sit to debate the Criminal Justice Bill. There will be rhetoric, but no real opposition, from Labour. There will be active support from the Liberal Democrats and backbench Tories. We must assume it will pass unscathed.

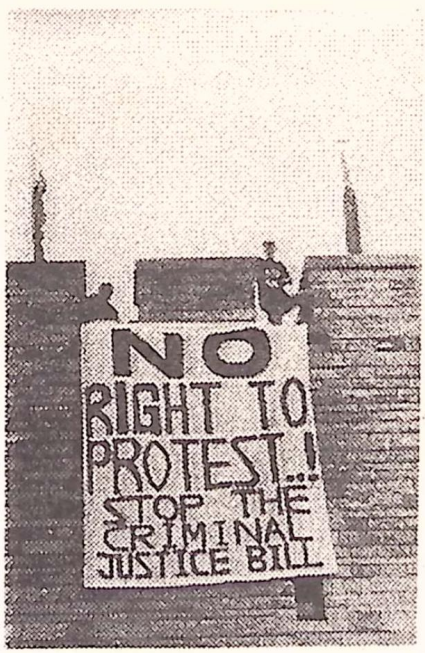
As far as it affects Earth First!ers (and let's not forget, it manages to mangle pretty much every one else's civil rights), it's purpose is not so much to imprison us as to intimidate us - and we mustn't let that work. We may have little to fear - except fear itself. Even if they *are* after us, let the bastards come and get us!

So, Forgive Us Our Trespasses has been working through the Freedom Network with an immense range of groups to get together a series of high profile and utterly illegal actions from Day 1 of the Criminal Injustice Act (CIA). On the first day, there will be an action at the M11. This will be rapid response stuff. You too will be able to say to generations to come that you were up a crane the day the CIA came to town.

Starting 5th Nov, there will be a week of actions, each one highlighting a different aspect of the Bill. These will include legislation busting acts from the likes of CND, Advance Party, Outrage, Hunt Sabs, and all your other favourite regular NVDA merchants.

So watch the news, and prepare to drop everything to make your position clear - no compromise! Even if you feel unhappy about facing criminal charges, please try to come and support us. However, if you *can* risk arrest, then be open about your actions and refuse to pay the fines. We anticipate that you will be in good company, should you find yourself in prison.

More info from Forgive Us Our Trespasses (c/o Leeds EF! 0113 262 9365), or Freedom Network (0171 738 6721)



Cardiff are damning the barrage *and* the CJB, see p7

Pollok is free !

Plans to bulldoze a motorway extension through the Pollok Estate in Glasgow are imminent. The Estate is Europe's largest urban green area (1018 acres), and is the habitat for all sorts of beasties and creatures. The planned M77 route will cut a swathe through these woodlands and add to Britain's already calamitous road network. Naturally, there is fervent opposition to the scheme. A camp has been running since 20th August, and the 'Pollok Free State ' declared. An alternative transport plan has also been written. An alliance called S.T.A.R.R. has been set up to be the main force of opposition. Groups included in this are EF! (naturally), FoE, Glasgow for People, SERA and the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Beat the Bulldozer pledges and donations are welcomed at: S.T.A.R.R, 53 Cochrane St, Glasgow, G1 1HL. The road is not actually being built yet, but history has shown that so far a road has not been stopped once work begins, so let's get the plans tossed into the metaphorical litter bin before the contract-ors get a chance to get their greedy mits on them. A party which marked the set-up of the new camp on the estate was recently attacked by local thugs. A woman was hit on the head with a hammer, causing severe head injuries. Thankfully, she is now off the critical list following brain surgery. With 2000 Beat the Bulldozer pledges signed, Pollok has already been called the Scottish Oxleas.

Call the Action Hotline 0141 636 1924

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ROADS

M65 Crane sparks controversy

Since the last AU Cinder Path Wood has sadly been lost to the Earth Rapists. However the last remaining tree in the wood "Proudfoot" was sat continuously from the 23rd July to 2nd August with one activist up there for approx. 5 weeks, all I can say to that person is Thank you! you're a total star! Another tree-sitting activist was recently found guilty of criminal damage and obstructing a police officer because he had inadvertently "evicted" onto a G4 guards trousers! The guard admitted in court that he "could have moved from his post". The shit now goes to appeal. Other court news, those arrested on section 241 of the trade union laws and bailed off site, had a victory a few weeks ago when the first case was chucked out of court., the others are now waiting while the courts decide if all such charges should be dropped.

On July 14th Greenpeace turned up as the Rainbow Deconstruction Company. See Greenpeace Direct Actions for more info.

On the weekend of the 5/6/7 of July, over 150 people gathered for the mass trespass against the CJB and a picnic. A week later there was a big action with about 90 people. Tarmac had to build a footbridge across the M6 in one night although many attempts were made we did not manage to get into the temporary compound, mainly due to the large number of police, drawn from the H.Q. "support unit" (Lancashire's TSG?). The next day activists hung around for a couple hours of good humoured British bulldogs with Group 4, stopping lots of work.

Also, PARANORMAL EVENTS have been occurring on the construction site, not only have freak tornadoes been ripping up fences and site posts but "apparently" a crane spontaneously combusted last week. Arthur C.Clark has been informed.

Actions every Wednesday. More people desperately needed to come and join the fun. On 23rd & 26th Sept for Autumnal Equinox fun and frolics., contact; No M65 Campaign, Park Cottage, Wigan Road, Nr Bamber Bridge, Preston, Lancashire.

Campaign Office phone 01772 323531.

Your P45s are in the post

There was a sad farewell last month to our friends John MacGregor and Robert Key from the DoT. Judging from their last public appearances both are in need of some serious rest, let's hope they can find a corner of England which is not being disrupted by the noise and pollution of cars and lorries, because that would be such a shame wouldn't it!!! Anyway the new line up is as follows:

SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT- Dr Brian Mawhinney. MP for Peterborough since 1979. Previous to this move he had been at the Northern Ireland office for about 8 years. According to a DoT press release, his interests include sport and reading.

MINISTER FOR ROADS AND RAILWAYS- John Watts. He is MP for Slough and by all accounts a boring sod, lets help him make his mark in the world by scrapping road building and increasing funding to railways.

MINISTER FOR LONDON TRANSPORT, LOCAL TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY- Steven Norris, All I know about this man is he's not very nice and has at least two mistresses. (Big deal eh?)

MINISTER FOR AVIATION, SHIPPING & GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT MATTERS IN THE LORDS- Viscount Goshen. All I know is that he's 28, thus is the youngest Govt. Minister, and sounds like a right inbred mutant.

Solsbury update

5th July:Treesitters at Whitecroft were enclosed in a compound of 10ft fencing topped with razor wire. As darkness fell, a chainsaw operator in a cherrypicker crane attacked the occupied trees. Martin Ellis, who set up the tree village months earlier, fell 40ft while trying to intercept the cherrypicker. He is now recovering from punctured lungs, broken legs, cracked ribs and a fractured spine in Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The police stood by and watched complacently, despite warnings from local people that an accident was inevitable.

19th July, 1am: 100s of cardboard boxes were spread underneath the tree camps in a 4th attempt to evict. The scene was bizarre and horrific as chainsaw operators again attacked branches and bailiffs forcibly dragged protesters from trees. The climbers outsmarted the 100s of bailiffs though, and by 8pm the operation was abandoned. The next day the sheriff returned, and by the evening the last beautiful tree had been felled.

25th July: "Operation Suits" saw activists piling into the DoT offices in Bristol. High flying execs were refused access by security on the grounds that they were environmentalists in disguise. The gatehouse was occupied by a woman in handcuffs.

28th August Solsbury Hill Summer Bash included workshops, picnics and walks. A peaceful and effective day of action stopped work. with security were outnumbered, Amey was shaken.

More than a dozen villagers' homes and individuals' land have now been bulldozed. People were badly treated and little compensation was offered, and most of the ecology has now been destroyed. Direct action takes place especially on Mons and Sats but there are not enough people, However, according to DoT figures the campaign has cost over £1m. The one camp left is the most strategically important as it is in the garden of a resident refusing to budge. It is also where the cut and cover is planned. It is in need of some good creative camp making. In the near future, there will be more houses to squat. A badger sett needs protecting from the diggers. After this stretch the Euro-route heads for Bristol and beyond...People, money, office and barricading equipment desperately needed.

Opening ceremony cut to ribbons

The massed might (all 8 of us) of some of the nations maddest road heads combined to make John "P45" MacGregor's last public engagement as much fun as a reshuffle phone call. He was out to help open the new A14 (M6 to Harwich) juggernaut corridor with some hand picked sycophants and press, only one of them turned out to be a Road Alert! plant, and caused the Ex Secretary of State much embarrassment. A posse of banner bearing media dogs ambushed the press corpse (no mistake) on their way to the newly scrubbed carriage way (which some pissed off local had defaced the night before..) A lone farmer had also set up shop on a suitably sloganised and very poised looking slurry spreader, until the local plod got jumpy at the though of several hundred gallons of airborne liquid pigshit and had a quiet word with him. The ceremony was held right by the bits of Naseby Battlefield that caused such a ruck when the road was planned , insensitive or what? Still, the day was not the sort of send off TarMacGregor was hoping for, and the local cops proved to be completely incapable of getting their heads round what was going on, so plenty to build on for the future. Final score, Arrests 0, Security Breaches 1, Beers 6.

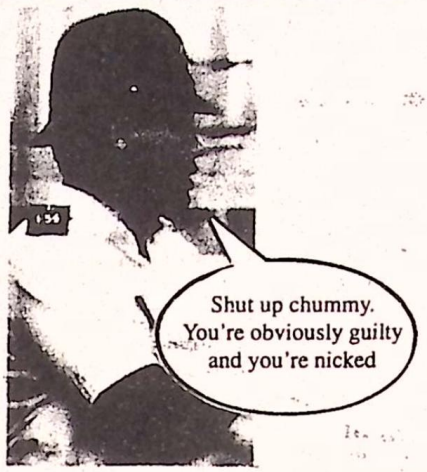
M11 still going strong

By the time you read this the NVDA campaign against the M11 Link Road will have celebrated its 1st Anniversary. This is despite the attempted taking of the site by 500 police and countless security and bailiffs on Aug. 2nd. After many hours of removing people from roof-tops, four houses in the street were taken. The action cost the DoT an estimated £107,000. Several injuries were caused by Reliance and the police. One 13yr old girl had micro-surgery on her arm after it was severely damaged by a WPC. Fortunately the arm was saved from amputation. Another casualty was Dolly, she was taken into hospital after she collapsed. We have heard recently that she is making a steady recovery and should be out in a few days. We send our wishes and regards to her and her (extended) family. During the day the campaign's phones were cut off and many arrests were made.

That still leaves well over a dozen residences left in what would be Britain's most rad street, if it were not an independent area! It is now possible to inform friends and relatives of your arrival in E11 with the new superb range of M11 postcards. There are four to collect, priced 30p each. By the time you read this, the draw for the campaign Prize Draw will have been made. As you can probably guess, after a year, money is running short. Any help with this would be fantastic. Go and have a meal at Claremonte Cafe, or have a guided tour of the best barricading since the French Revolution!

As far as the actions are going, the last Saturday in July saw an immense one. Two protesters found a home in the biggest crane in the country, which the contractors, Norwest Holst had kindly brought for them to play with. Actions occur every Tuesday (meet 0900 at 66 Claremont Rd.)

More People are still needed to be on the phone trees so JOIN THAT TREE TODAY. There are rumours abound that Claremont Rd will be under threat in the last week in September. Keep this time free if you can and please get down there. Further info contact the campaign on 0181 558 2638.



New nine word 'right to silence' caution

Bill and Ben are back

Main contract work on the Cradlewell "Bypass" began on the 1st August, courtesy of arch eco-destroyers ALFRED MCALPINE/BUDGE. On the same day, 6 of the 50 injuncted from the Dene were back in court as Newcastle City Council tried to intimidate them with threats of costs and damages. Fortunately some "lost" case files and a reasonable judge meant an adjournment was given till early September.

More trees have been axed on the Dene and M11-style compounds have been springing up in their stead. Also ingenious "root protection zones" for the remaining trees have been built - amazing, we didn't know erecting a chestnut paling fence 15 feet from a 2000 year old beech tree would stop it's root system being destroyed by a tunnel, did you?

Some local protesters have been stopped from Direct Action on the site by the injunctions, but the council haven't got everyone's name yet, and "When's the next groovy action at the Dene?" has been a frequent eager inquiry of late. Of course the Flowerpot Tribe do not "encourage, instruct, counsel or persuade " anyone to become involved in such naughty goings-on, particularly with the approach of that sane and sensible piece of legislation, the Criminal Injustice Bill. But if anyone fancies a visit to Newcastle, we now make flapjack with Green and Black's Organic Chocolate on top.. FLOBALOB! FURTHER INFO, CONTACT NEWCASTLE EF!

p.s Campaigns due to start in Newcastle include: Stop Ready Mix Concrete! (well-known road-building supplier) From Digging Up SSSI Druridge Bay (lock on to a Bulldozer, any one?) ***Stop Nuclear Power Station On Druridge Bay*** Re-educate the DoT (watch this space.....) YIP BLOODY YIP, LOVE FROM THE BILL AND BEN AND LITTLE WEED!!!!

'All this digger diving is exhausting work'

Twyford Down

TWYFORD: Finally the gash through Twyford Down partially opened on Sunday 31st July. Protesters were present and held a vigil to mark the opening. Long traffic jams marked the first evening rush hour following a six car pile up... The road opens fully later in the year. Watch this space for more reports of tail backs and accidents from this particular 'blackspot'.

Roads...

And yet more roads...

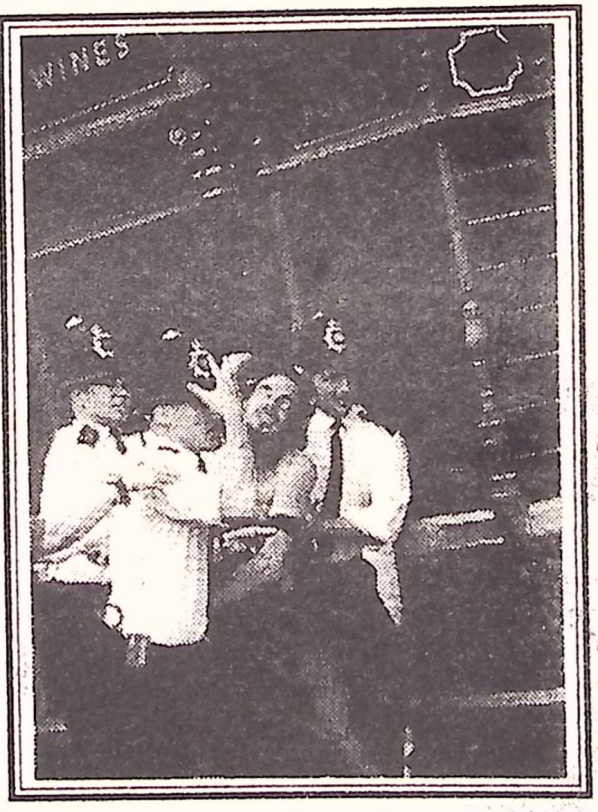
BISHOPS STORTFORD: The construction of the Stanstead link road may be called off if it can be delayed until January. Activists are needed now! Please call Helen Pritchard on 01279 501570.
NEWBURY: The proposed A34 Bypass has now been put off until January. The legality of the £1 million included in the cost of the contract to pay for extra security is to be challenged as a misuse of public funds. This is an excellent local campaign. Ring 01635 953160 for details.
WYMONDHAM: The campaign against this Norfolk road is still going on, despite the lack of numbers. 50 people took part in a mass trespass recently, but this campaign, perhaps more than any other, is starved of the most valuable resource. i.e. YOU LOT! Call 01603 484753.
DOVERIDGE: 8 houses will be trashed if work starts on the Doveridge Bypass, Derbyshire. A vineyard will also be wiped out. This scheme is very unpopular locally. Call Road Alert! for details.
OPERATION GRIDLOCK: This event is being planned in support of the striking signal workers. It will involve as many "Stop the Traffic" actions in town centres as possible. More info from New Statesman on 0171 739 3211
Also- NORTH CIRCULAR WIDENING , LONDON and A30 HONITON-EXETER UPGRADING; For more info contact Road Alert!
Many thanks to Road Alert! and their own Action Update, without whose help this article could not have been plagiarised!!

Burning questions in court

Two men have been jailed for an arson attack on an M11 tree house last December. One was given 3 1/2 years, the other 2 1/2. Judge Kenneth Richardson said 'Both of you were part of a gang hired to scare away persons involved in lawful protest, and scare them away using violence. The only regret I have is that those responsible for hiring you are not before the court.' Perhaps not all judges are senile old duffers.

Waterloo chainset

The London Psychogeographical Assn report that on the last Friday in every month cyclists gather at Waterloo roundabout ready to head off *en-mass* into the rush hour traffic. Their stated goal is to transform 'a central ritual of life in the late 20th century, the daily commute'. At the last event 150 cyclists 'started to make the streets pleasant to be in. The nature of traffic was altered'.



Innocent? Don't bank on it...

The Lloyds and Midland Boycott is charging into its fourth year of existence, eager to carry out as many actions against the offending two banks as possible. Bank actions are conducted indoors and so therefore are not really affected by the CJB. What a great excuse to go and occupy your local branch tomorrow! (However, not to worry, it's already covered by the Public Order Act.) Recent dealings with the banks have shown that LAMB is no longer an irritation to them: It is a major threat. Concerted action now could bring about the concessions on Environmental Lending Criteria and Third World Debt that the campaign has been pushing for. For every £1 given as charity by the British public, British Banks take back £11 in debt repayments.
Eight LAMB activists appeared in court on August 3rd-5th charged with disorderly conduct at an action in Liverpool in March. The trial is currently part heard, and the case for the defence will take place at Liverpool Magistrates Court on the 15th-17th September. However, bearing in mind that the magistrate concerned is intellectually challenged, the eight are as good as guilty already. Oh well. Ring 0161 274 4665 if interested/ inspired.

Anti nuclear

Anti-nuclear campaigners went to Cumbria on June 20th.to blockade all three entrances to the plant. Despite numerous trespasses onto the site, no one was actually arrested for trespass. However, there were 44 arrests in total. It is bizarre that although 2000 jobs are being shed from the plant, it doesn't stop the government giving over £4m to extend the Sellafield (Propaganda) Visitors Centre.
Faslane peace camp celebrated their 12th birthday on 12th June but can't remember a lot about it ! However a week before they managed to stop the trident convoy in Balloch Dunbarton-shire for 1 1/2hrs, making it the longest blockade yet. The convoy was on it's way to Coulport on the Clyde with a cargo of trident warheads. There were 22 arrests for breach, some resisting arrest charges were falsified to justify the use of Quick-cuffs, a new style of handcuff which are quick to slap on and get tighter if you move. Three days later the convoy tried to leave before the camp's Birthday celebrations got under way. It was held up for 20mins despite campaigners being bleary-eyed, chainsmoking and surrounded by cops. 10 arrests were made. In Sept 93, 38 people were arrested at the Clyde submarine base. A year on, an anniversary action has been called. It takes place on the 19th September, gather at the site from the 17th. It coincides with the arrival of the second Trident submarine at the base. Vegan meals provided, allow £2 a day living expenses. To quote the latest edition of Faslane Focus *'If it's metal and moves, it's a legitimate target. TOTAL IT.'* Of course, here at the AU we cannot condone this sort of attitude, but it made us laugh. Contact 01436-820-901

DIARY DATES

Diary dates- a new AU feature for you to pin up on your (CFC-free) fridge. (*shurely dairy dates!)*

September

Mon 19th - Sun 25th
DIY anti CJB actions across the country. Contact your nearest group.
Fri 23rd - Mon 26th Preston
M65,National days of action 01772 323531
Sat 24th Cardiff
Mega-Action against the Cardiff Bay Barrage. 01222 383363/ 237320
Sat 24th Glasgow
Pollok Estate march 0141 636 1924
Sat 24th London
Brixton Bubbling against the Bill. Freedom Network 0171 738 6721
Sat 24th - Sun 25th Manchester
Alarm UK National Conference 0171 737 6841
Sun 25th Salisbury
Walk the route of the Salisbury bypass. 01722 339224
Sun25th Newbury
March against the Bypass 01635 3697
Tues 27th Manchester
Mystery CJB/ debt action. 0161 274 4665
Thurs 29th Oxford
CJB meeting, discussion with a number of Oxford academics. Green College, Oxford. Details Sallié 01582 882362
Thurs 29th Hastings
Green Party anti CJB Rally at the Green Party Annual Conference, White Rock Theatre, Hastings. Networking lunches 12.30, rally 5pm info 0181 980 4295 or 0171 501 9253

October

Sat 1st Brighton
CJB demo 01273 509081
Sat 1st Cardiff
CJB demo 01222 383363
Sat 1st Leeds
CJB March 0113 262 9427
Sat 1st Bournemouth
Demo outside Tory party conf. 0171 738 6721
Sat 1st Chester
Rainbow Fayre at Chester Town Hall. Tel Chester 679146
Wed 5th - Sun 9th Oxford
Hope and Resistance Gathering. Nonviolent Activists invited to come & explore civil disobedience from all angles with the European Hope and Resistance network. 01865 793 820
Sat 8th
Picket outside McD's stores nationwide. 20th anniversary of McTrash in the UK
Sun 9th London
March against the CJB march. Embankment 12noon. 0171 538 5821
Fri 14th London
Picket McD's Euro/UK HQ. 4.30 - 6.30pm, by East Finchley Tube. Featuring 'Operation Send It Back' 0171 713 1269
Sat 15th London
National march against McDonalds. Assemble Euston Station at noon 0171 837 7557
Fri 21st London
Rally against the CJB. Conway Hall Red Lion Square, WC1 7.30pm. Speakers Shane Collins, Robin Webb, Advance Party, EF! HSA
Fri 21st - Sun 30th London
ANARCHY IN THE UK 'Ten Days That Shook the World', biggest anarchist festival ever. Loads of events including International EF!, hunt-sab, & ALF group meetings. Green Party, Ecology and Revolution gathering, Anti-Nuclear and Toxics Forum, Housing and Squatting Forum, Eco-Feminist Forum, Eco-Bards evening, Levitate parliament on the 23rd, International Earth Nights and Smash the City Protests (although we didn't tell you that, OK?) Info SAE and £1 PO Box 1096, Bristol BS99 1BW 0171 274 6855
Sat 29th London
March for a nuclear free world. Assemble 12noon Temple Tube, Rally 1.30pm Trafalgar Square. Music, speakers, stalls CND 0171 700 2393
Sat 29th London
London Greenpeace Fayre 11 - 8pm Conway Hall, admission free. Red Lion Squ, London WC1 tube: Holborn

November

Fri 11th-Mon 14th: Sellafield:
20th Anniversary of the murder of Karen Silkwood, the nuclear worker turned activist. 01706 371387.
Sat 12th Warton
BAe Warton in Lancashire (or your local BAe site) 3rd Anniversary of the Santa Cruz massacre in Dili, East Timor. Details, Stop The Hawk Deal 0161 860 4469

December

Sat 3rd Manchester
The 4th International 'No Shop Day'. Join us on our comfy sofas, creating a small island of sanity in the sea of frenzied xmas shopping. ENOUGH, One World Centre, c/c Friends Meetiing House, Mount St, Manchester M2

CJB March no.2

A large no. of people, dressed in bizarre clothes, and with accompanying animals, formed the police presence for the 50,000 strong CJB march on 24th July. Downing St was shaken as police armed with plastic bullets prepared to repulse would-be anarchists. Mean-while Trafalger Squ was packed with travellers, squatters environmentalists, ravers... The fight goes on.

Here at AU we have taken it upon ourselves create the little form below to aid your imminent arrest/imprisonment. Why bother with all that getting cold and wet outside when you can simply fill in the form and have done with it?

CJB ARREST FORM

I,---------- intend to commit an aggravated trespass/ attend an illegal gathering/ rave/ be a traveller. Please arrest me. You may, under the new laws, take crude body samples, but I would rather if you didn't. Thank you very much.

signed, ----------

Board with the CJB ?

On September 1st, at Thorne Road, Wakefield, W.Yorks, a huge bill board was unveiled which was adorned by a anti CJB ad. This was 200 sq. ft of protest, donated by Mills and Allen Ltd. There was food, music, stalls and all the run of the mill hippy shit. All went well, and the hoarding will be displayed for at least the time being. Hoorah!!!

World Bank candles blown out

Overseas Development Agency staff were given a taste of their own medicine when their doors were chained shut and a sandbag dam erected behind banners saying 'Unhappy Birthday World Bank and IMF'. Eviction notices in Thai were posted up: Many of the 2 million people being displaced by Bank projects are not consulted, given notices in foreign languages and told information is available in a far-off city. Later, protesters partied in the board-room of the World Bank in London. They were arrested for trespass on diplomatic property, but were later released without charge. Pan-Africanist groups protested outside the World Bank's office, and FoE protesters formed a human dam outside the Treasury. In Wakefield, people blocked the road to a conference on 'Export Opportunities Through World Bank Funding'. In late September people from across the world are going to Madrid to oppose major World Bank and IMF meetings and to attend the 6-day Alternative Forum. For more details or to reserve cheap accomodation contact Kate at EarthARC on 0865 201 706.

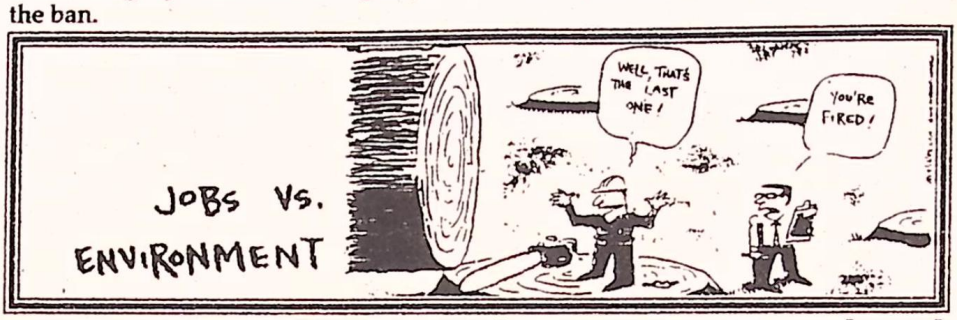
We're in the money

John Davies, a solicitor superbly skilled in suing the police, wants to hear from anyone who was arrested at Twyford and particularly on Operation Greenfly (Bailey Bridge action), as there could be £3,000 to £5,000 in it for every single person arrested that day. He also wants info on Security Guard violence, and/or interesting/compromising photos. He can be contacted on 0742 767777.

Also, if you have any information on Group 4 or Reliance Security, please send it to a fledgling campaign (working title Global Insecurities), based at Manchester EF! If you would like to help with this campaign also, get in touch.

Forest ad trashed

The Independent Television Commission has pulled an advert paid for by the Indonesian Forestry Community (IFC) from UK TV channels, following complaints from viewers and pressure groups. Down to Earth, EarthARC, Environmental Investigation Agency and Greenpeace all complained about the advert and produced evidence against the IFC claims. The ad claimed that clear cutting of forests was not permitted in Indonesia and that 280m acres (79% of the forested land) had been made into a vast permanent forest. The ITC states that "The ad agency responsible for the ads acknowledged that clear cutting is allowed in specified areas, and additionally occurs illegally" and that the agency could not dispute the challenges which led to the ban.



Ecotopia

Billed as the Global Dream Village, it nearly became a nightmare. But aside from water, food and venue problems, up to 250 environmentalists from East and Western Europe turned up and enjoyed themselves. Ecotopia 1994 took place in the beautiful mountains of Ardeluta, Romania. Four women from Women's Environmental Network (WEN) and eight EF!ers managed to make their way from the UK. After a slow start, workshops peaked at 14 per day!, ranging from NVDA to Green Consumerism, encompassing Radical Men's Therapy, Herbs and Menstruation. Ecotopia is run by ASEED (Action on Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development), who are based in various continental cities (mainly Amsterdam) It takes place in a different country each year for about 2 - 3 weeks, next year in Poland. If there is one over-riding result from the workshops, it is a plea from the Eastern Europeans for better networking from the west, particularly information about western multinationals now making in-roads (sic) into the East - perhaps this is a role for Corporate-Watch.

New prisoner support news

Hunt sab Alec Kingham was recently found guilty of ABH when he stepped in to shield someone from a violent hunter. His address is; GE1569, C Wing, H.M.P.Lewes, Brighton Rd, LEWES, E. Sussex

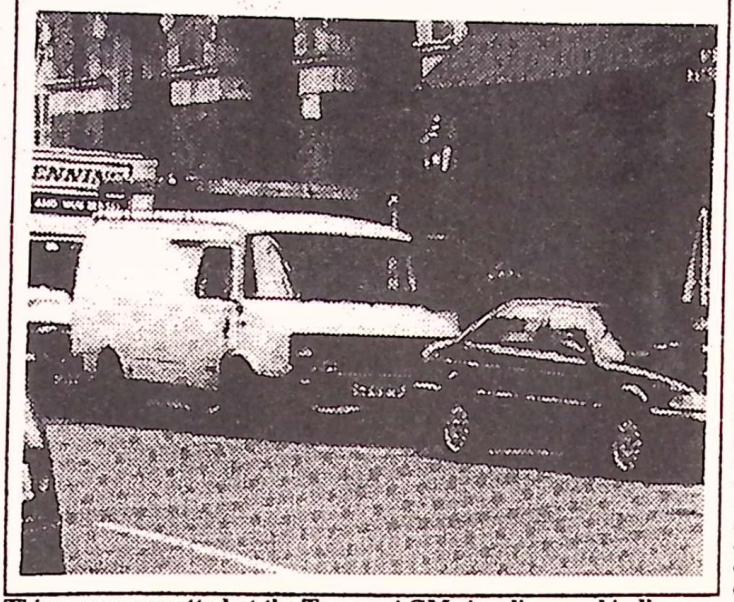
Greenpeace comes aboard

In June Greenpeace activists infiltrated a meeting on motorway widening in Solihull with "Screaming Briefcases" fitted with concealed loud speakers and cassettes. A speech given by Alan Whitfield , the Road Programme Director of the Government's Highways Agency was disrupted by the sound of the roar of heavy lorries and the message "No More Roads".

On the 14th of July Greenpeace and Earth First! joined together in a unique action on the M65 construction site. The "Rainbow Deconstruction Company" turned up at about 6.00am with two diggers. Painted green and adorned with white doves and flowers, they were followed by a trailer full of tree saplings. The 60 strong work force then turned the scarred Cuerden Valley into an almost peaceful garden with creative road blocks tree planting and stone mosaics. It took security guards at least an hour before they realised it was their turn to sit the diggers!

On July 22nd Greenpeace activists delayed the building of the £300 million second Severn bridge by chaining themselves to a concrete foundation section. Security guards tried to prevent the protest and one Greenpeace volunteer was kicked in the face. They managed to delay the placement of the concrete by at least 12 hours.

On the night of the 14th August the Greenpeace ship "Rainbow Warrior" had a tug of war match with Spanish fishermen when they tried to seize their oversized drift nets. Eventually the fishermen cut loose the section which had been winched on to the Rainbow Warrior. Fishermen then threw lead weights at activists and tried to ram their inflatables before returning to the fishing grounds. Greenpeace say that all the nets in the area were between 3 and 5 km long, European Union regulations prohibit drift nets longer than 2.5km. Greenpeace is campaigning for an outright ban on all high seas drift nets



This van was spotted at the Tarmac AGM. A policeman kindly identified it as 'one of the surveillance vans from the Yard'.

Help them to their skips, they're past their sell-by dates

CATTLE AGAINST CONSUMERISM are a trans-species collective which aims to highlight the consumerist ethic which dominates in today's livestock humans. 'By cattle we mean people. People today behave very much like cattle. Few seem to think for themselves, all follow in groups and do what they are told, and they don't question or understand the society in which they live.' The group targets *STUPORMARKETS*, 'the holy shrines of the consumerist culture. Cattle travel, usually by car, to go through the weekly ritual of dragging their relatives around the brightly lit rows of consumerist crap which allegedly constitutes food'.

The first of a series of actions was at *SAINSBURY'S HEDGE END* 'Cattle shed on the M27' store. Activists mooved products around in a random manner, blocked cashtill aisles, sat on the conveyor belt, and heckled a herd of shoppers. After their forcible removal, they discussed grievances with securicreeps and stock managers.

Not only are stupormarkets accused of building on greenfield sites etc etc, they are also alleged to play 'crap canned elevator music'.

Contact 0181 848 8744 or 0171 921 6000

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Yes, we're approaching hand over time. The gathering is coming up and we don't want to be met by a sea of blank faces. It's been stressful, entertaining, and we've learnt loads. Couldn't have done it without you, don't give up, we *are* making the difference.

Corporates Watched

July saw the first Corporate Watch (CW) Gathering (minutes available from Oxford EF!). CW aims to collate public-domain information on companies and TNCs with a view to more informed campaigning on social and environmental issues. i.e. a research wing for Earth First!? It was felt that there was a need for better links between researchers and activists, and also to reach out to the workers and unions of the corporations and industries involved. A directory can be obtained from CWOX at the Oxford EF! address

There is currently a heavy anti roads bias it is hoped that this will broaden out as more people get on the contact list. If you have a particular beef against some commercial concern or other then get involved.

Damn the barrage

Cardiff EF! are continuing to fight against the £156 million Cardiff Bay Barrage. It will totally destroy a natural salt water estuary and replace it with an artificial lake.

Costain, Balfour Beatty and the CBDC (Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, yet another government QUANGO) have been the main targets for actions. So far the offices of the CBDC have been occupied, large banners unfurled from Cardiff castle and a mass trespass occurred on part of the construction site.

A procession through the city to the bay is set for Sat 24th September, assembling outside Queen Street station (opp. the Capital Shopping Centre- a 5 minute walk from the bus and train stations) at 12 noon. There will also be an action to coincide with this. A regular direct action campaign "Damn the Barrage!" begins in October. It will involve as many tactics as they can think of! To join in send your name, address and phone no. The group is desperately short of money (i.e. they don't have any) and resources (e.g. stamps, photocopier, an office!) Please help! Contact: Cardiff Earth First, PO BOX 7, Cardiff CFI 4XX; or phone them via (01222) 237320 or 641327.

Phoneblaggers beware

'Caller Display' is a clever little addition to BT's range of customer dis-services. It displays the caller's phone number before the person picks up the phone. The service is available on a phone with 'Caller Display' equipment. Malicious callers and private investigators beware. Luckily, if you don't want someone you're calling to have your number, you can prefix their number with 141.

Happy 10th Birthday to Veggies, the Vegan catering company of Nottingham. A huge anniversary bash was held on the 3/4th September, just before our print deadline. Sorry folks!

More right rivetin' reads

Do or Die:
Fifty pages of incisive comment and analysis of general biological meltdown. A must for all system kickers, journal-heads, and anyone with an interest in environmentally related NVDA. Available from EF! Groups or DS4A, Box 8 Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colsten Street, Bristol, Avon, BS1 5BB. Price 80p per copy plus p+p, or 5 for £3.50 inc postage.

A new alternative newspaper called the United Voice is being set up. It's aim is to 'bring together and share information with like minded groups around the country.' Contact c/o 18 Queen Elizabeth House, Didcot, Oxfordshire. OX11 8TU.

A copy of a fanzine called 'Oxfiend' has recently come to our attention. The current issue (#129), is intelligently written and focusses mainly on anti CJB stuff. It is free and piles of it are to be found at Box A, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford, OX4 1RQ.

Issue 2 of Radical Routes Ethical Investors newsletter. Out now for those interested in housing Co-ops and the like: 24 South Road, Hockley, Birmingham B18 5NB.

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